

**REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL FORESTRY COMMITTEE
MARCH 24, 2009 – 4:00 P.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Chairman Randal Chevalier called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Randal Chevalier, Myrna Warrington, Tony Waupochick, Al Pyatskowit, Dave Grignon, Rick Warrington, and Susan Waukau. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Walter Cox (excused) and Jeremy Pyatskowit (excused). Also present: George Korn, Chris Caldwell and Linda Peters, recorder.
2. Moment of Silence. A moment of silence was observed.
3. Election of Officers and Review/Approval of By Laws

A nomination was made by Myrna Warrington to appoint Tony Waupochick to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Forestry Committee. Second was by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Waupochick) and 2 absent (Cox and Pyatskowit).

Tony Waupochick is the Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

A nomination was made by Rick Warrington to nominate Susan Waukau to serve as Secretary of the Tribal Forestry Committee. Second was by Myrna Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Waukau) and 2 absent (Cox and Pyatskowit).

Susan Waukau is the Secretary of the Committee.

TRIBAL FORESTRY BY LAWS

The Committee made changes to the purpose of the Committee, the start time to accommodate all members, add that the meeting agenda needs to be approved by the Committee Chairman, and to be consistent with stating the Tribal Chairperson and Committee Chairperson within the By Laws.

Motion made by Rick Warrington to recommend to the Legislature to approve the By Laws with the stated corrections. Second was by Tony Waupochick. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 2 absent (Cox and J. Pyatskowit).

4. Approval of Minutes dated February 24, 2009

In item # 8 – change “part” to “party” and correct Rick Warrington’s last name within the adjournment motion.

Motion made by Myrna Warrington to approve the minutes dated February 24, 2009 with any potential corrections. Second was by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 2 absent (Cox and J. Pyatskowit).

5. Invasive Species Update

GYPSY MOTH SPRAYING

Jeremy Johnson informed the Committee what areas will be sprayed this year, what type of chemicals will be used, how the general public will be notified and that this project has diminished the areas and that the gypsy moths are now at a tolerable control area. Dave Grignon reviewed the maps provided and stated that this is a sensitive area on the Reservation.

The Committee also noted that previously Mr. Johnson requested 6 months in advance to spray on tribal land, and that he went to the Enforcement and Resource Protection Committee for recommendation. The Committee would like more information on the Tribe's Pesticide Protocol, and this item will be tabled until next month's meeting to establish a standing process to review these types of requests.

The Tribe is currently working on the Invasive Species Ordinance and an update will be presented to the Committee at the next meeting.

6. General Council motions

SEEDLINGS

The Committee discussed the intent of the motion, and the need for the Menominee Tribe to have its own nursery to regenerate our own trees back into our forests. Some of the white pine seedlings that are in other areas of the country do not grow as tall as ours. The Committee did speak about genetic drift and how this affects our forests. Mr. George Korn recommended a genetic structure article for the Committee to review. The Chairman's Staff will provide a copy of this article for reference purposes. According to Ordinance # 05-22, that there is to be a certain number of seed source available. The Committee would like the Tribal Chairman to request more information from MTE to assist them with their recommendations.

Motion made by to Susan Waukau to recommend to the Legislature to request that the Tribal Chairman send a request to the MTE President to review the Annual General Council motions and respond back on our current forest development practices in regards to planting, and seed sources. Second was by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 2 absent (Cox and J. Pyatskowitz).

(Myrna Warrington left the meeting at 5:20 p.m.).

CLEAR CUTTING

The Committee discussed what the motion and what needs to be accomplished. The Committee first agreed that public hearing should be held on what stands will be harvested or clear cut so that the public has a better understanding and input on what is happening within our forests.

The Committee would like a better understanding on the clear cutting practices and why this particular regeneration is required and MTE is opting to utilize this method.

Susan Waukau informed the Committee that if the Committee needs to review the prescriptions and recommend to the Legislature for approval, we need to have all the information and why this clear cutting practice/regeneration is done. Mrs. Waukau would like to find out how many clear cuts were done in recent years.

Motion made by Rick Warrington to recommend to the Legislature to request that the Tribal Chairman send a letter to MTE requesting information in regards to clear cutting practices. Second was by Dave Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (Cox, M. Warrington, and J. Pyatskowit).

7. Trust Resource's Director's Report – February, 2009

Chris Caldwell updated the Committee informing them that there are signed sub-contracts in place between MTE and the Menominee Tribe and these contracts will renew automatically every month until permanent contracts can be agreed upon.

8. Discussion: MTE LY 2010 Silvicultural Prescriptions Waiver Request

Tony Waupochick Jr. – MTE Forestry is requesting a waiver as required by Ordinance 05-22 in order to waive the **SIGNATURE DEADLINE OF** March 14, 2009.

The Committee will need to set a special meeting to approve the Fall Winter prescriptions for further review.

(Al Pyatskowit left the meeting at 6:32 p.m.)

Motion made by Dave Grignon to recommend to the Legislature to grant the waiver of the Silviculture group signature deadline listed in Tribal Ordinance 05-22 for LY 2010 Fall Winter Silviculture Prescriptions. Second was by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 4 absent (Cox, M. Warrington, A. Pyatskowit, and J. Pyatskowit).

9. Amendments to Tribal Ordinance #05-22-Tribal Logging Practices Limitations

Chris Caldwell reviewed with the Committee some of the proposed changes to the waiver requests that are made due to the timelines that are within the Ordinance. Mr. Caldwell requested that this item is tabled until a redline version can be submitted for recommendation to the Legislature. Page numbering will be added to the amendment changes.

This item will remain an agenda item until the Legal Department can provide the redlined copy for recommendation to the MTL for approval.

10. Annual Determination Report Proposed Format

Chris Caldwell reviewed with the Committee the Proposed Format and would like to present to the Committee a one page document for approval to the Legislature. Mr. Caldwell will bring copies to the Committee from the Trust Management Plan and what could be included in the outline for Legislative approval along with a memo stating such.

11. Discussion: MTL Tribal Forestry Committee – Work Plan

This item will be tabled until there is a full committee present.

Motion made by Susan Waukau to table this item until there is a full committee. Second was by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 4 absent (Cox, M. Warrington, A. Pyatskowit, and J. Pyatskowit).

12. Committee Goals and Objectives.

This item will be tabled until there is a full committee present.

Motion made by Susan Waukau to table this item until there is a full committee. Second was by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 4 absent (Cox, M. Warrington, A. Pyatskowit, and J. Pyatskowit).

13. Other Business

No other business.

14. Adjournment

Motion made by Dave Grignon to adjourn the meeting. Second was by Susan Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 4 absent (Cox, M. Warrington, A. Pyatskowit, and J. Pyatskowit).

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, recorder
Chairman's Office